RESOLUTION NUMBER 209 BISHOP COURTNEY ALLAN JONES, M. MIN.

WHEREAS, This honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised that Bishop Courtney Allan Jones being elevated to the office of Bishop of the State of Missouri for the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International in June 2007; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Jones, a native St. Louisan, has served as senior pastor at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church (The Church of Koinonia) for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Jones earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Ministry degrees from the New world Bible Institute and Theological Seminary-Texarkana, Arkansas. He has also completed additional coursework at the Colgate Rochester School of Divinity and is currently working on a doctorate degree through the Graduate School of Episcopal Studies in conjunction with Harvard Divinity School; and

WHEREAS, Under Bishop Jones' leadership, the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church (The Church of Koinonia) is a dynamic spirit-filled, bible-teaching, people reaching ministry, with several educational and economic outreach opportunities having been launched; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Jones is a Board member of the American Baptist Churches Great Rivers Region, chaplain for the St. Louis Police Department, appointed by Mayor Slay to the Board of commissioners for the St. Louis International Airport, advisory board member of the Missouri Foundation for Health, past chairman of economic Development for the St. Louis Clergy Coalition, Advisory Board Member for the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, and member of Phi Beta Sigma; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Jones as invited to the White House, during President Clinton's administration, to participate in a ceremony honoring religious leaders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate Bishop Jones for his elevation to the office of Bishop of the State of Missouri for the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International and we direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 26th day of October, 2007 by:

Honorable Samuel Moore, Alderman 4th Ward Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 26th day of October, 2007 as attested:

Denise Watson-Wesley Coleman	Lewis E. Reed
Clerk, Board of Aldermen	President, Board of Aldermen